

Don't Tell Lies Part 2

***“11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.”
(Leviticus 19:11 KJV)***

Telling half of the truth or hiding some of the truth is a lie. We will continue in this message to tackle the bad effects of telling lies and its bad impacts on the life of the people.

We will study the following event from the life of Isaac and Rebekah, ***“1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. 2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: 3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; 5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:”*** (Genesis 26:1-6 KJV) Here we can see clearly that God was with Isaac and was directing him how to manage the famine that He allowed to come in his life. God assured Isaac that he did not need to go down to Egypt but to stay in the land of Canaan and in the place that he was in Gerar; that he needed to stay and sojourn there and He shall be with him and will bless him. As well as that place, the land of Canaan, God shall give to him and to his descendents as God had sworn to Abraham his father. He further assured him that He will multiply his seed as the stars of Heaven, and will give to them the land of those countries that were on the land of Canaan because Abraham his father had obeyed the voice of God and had kept His commandments. Let us read further how Isaac acted after all those promises of God and His assurances to him:

“7 And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon.” (Genesis 26:7 KJV) Here the men of that place when they asked him about his wife, Isaac did not declare to them the truth but he told a lie, that Rebekah was his sister because he was afraid that the people of Gerar would kill him in order to take his wife from him because she was beautiful. He told lies in order to protect himself. Then where was his trust on God and on all the promises that God had made for him? But he relied on lies that such lies will preserve him and protect him. He copied the same of what his father Abraham did. ***Therefore we need to be aware that if we live relying on lies to bless us and prosper us, then the danger of that, is not only lies will not protect us and put us in troubles and those with us, but also our children may do and follow the same style of telling lies to protect themselves, and that shall cause troubles to them.***

But God would not allow such lies to continue in Isaac's life, and God would come and cleanse him from such. Let us read how God cleansed Isaac from the lie that he made about his wife being his sister: ***“8 And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. 9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife; and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. 10 And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of***

the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. 11 And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.” (Genesis 26:7-12 KJV) God exposed the lie of Isaac to the king of Gerar, who called Isaac and rebuked him for what he did, for he deserved such a rebuke in order to be corrected, to be cleansed and to be restored back to the good plan that God had for him. After Abimelech corrected him and explained to him what was the potential danger of his lie, he assured him that he was well protected and did not need to do such, and that he charged his men that if any man shall touch Isaac or his wife they shall be put to death. Isaac being assured continued to stay in the same place and planted and received on the same year hundred fold of harvest. ***In the same way, when you are blessed and well provided, but then you still rely on lies to secure your life and living, then God shall not allow you to continue in that, but He will make a way to come and rebuke you and explain to you the bad effects of your lies in order to restore you back to the good plan that God had for you.***

“1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour; 3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein: 4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, 5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering. 6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: 7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.” (Leviticus 6:1-7 KJV) Here is another bad effects of lies when the person is dishonest and take things that are belong to others and use them for his own benefits, and use lies and deceiving to cover his sinful act. ***Such an person when he is found out he needed to pay back the principal amount that he had taken and add to it one fifth of the amount and give it with the principal to the person that he took from him. In such a manner he would do what is good and what is right in the sight of God and he shall be forgiven from the sin that he did.***

We will tackle another story that shows the harmful effects of lies on those who practice them. Let us read the events of the death of Saul in the battle with the Philistines: ***“1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Melchishua, Saul's sons. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.”*** (1 Samuel 31:1-6 KJV) It is clearly stated here, ***“Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead,”*** So

his armorbearer saw him dead due to the effect of the sword that Saul used intentionally to fell upon. There is another story about the death of Saul claimed by another person and it is written in the Bible, *“1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag; 2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. 3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. 4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also. 5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son be dead? 6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. 7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. 8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. 9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me. 10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.” (2 Samuel 1:1-11 KJV)* The story of this man about the death of Saul is different of what we read as it happened in which Saul died by falling on his own sword. Here this man stated that Saul was leaning on his own spear and that he called him and asked him to stand on him and kill him, and he did such because he was sure that he will not live after he had fallen, and that after he took the bracelet that was on his arm and the crown that was on his head and brought them to David, calling David *“my lord”*, as if he did some service to David and wanted his favor in killing Saul the previous king and now the way open for David to have the kingdom. What he said this man was a fabricated story, he cooked it in order to get the favor of David and to take the reward from him. Why it was fabricated? Because it was clearly stated on *1 Samuel 30*, how Saul died as he fell on his own sword and his armorbearer witnessed that. That Amalekites who came with a different story most likely came to the scene and saw Saul dead so he took the bracelet that was on his arm and the crown that was on his head and came to David seeking a reward. Obviously what he said of story was a kind of lie, and so let read what he reaped from the lies that he said, *“11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him: 12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword. 13 And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. 14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? 15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. 16 And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.” (2 Samuel 1:11-16 KJV)* He was put to death for the lie that lied on David. King David took what he said as his own confession to kill King Saul God's anointed and so David put him to death. **You see here how lies cannot protect you but put you into troubles and cause you to die. It is a sin and the wages of sin is death.**

Telling lies is one of the terrible sin that man may do; it prevent facts and hide and cover grievous sins against God and His people. **Telling lies among people in your work place or**

where you live is an offensive thing you may do and it truly disturb your picture and greatly affect the healthy relation between you and others. Worse than that is when you are telling lies inside the community of believers, the church. Let us read the following true story in the Bible: *“1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? 4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things. 6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. 7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. 9 Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. 10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.” (Acts 5:1-10 KJV)* When Ananias and Sapphira told lies in the community of the believers, the church, and especially they lied to Apostle Peter who was leading the church, they lied to God. **Telling lies inside the church and especially to the man who lead the church, the pastor, it means you are lying to the Holy Spirit who is God. God is present among His people in the church in the form of the Holy Spirit. So when you lie to the pastor of the church and hide something from him that means you lie to the Holy Spirit who is God and this is a grave sin.**

The Lord God sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to save us from sin and death. The Lord Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He was buried, but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believes in Him and follow His steps in their lives. After His resurrection from the dead the Lord Jesus Christ went to Heaven and He will come back again to take us we who belong to Him. Now if He suffered such a great suffering He will come to take those who are pure in heart and had cleansed themselves from sin.

Telling lies inside the church and to the pastor of the church that it means you are no longer acting as a child of God but as a child of the Devil. That what the Lord Jesus said to those who lie: “44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44 KJV)

Why Ananias and Sapphira both agreed and lied to God? And why some people may lie inside the church to the pastor and to the members of the church.

1. Pretending the highest commitment: Some they pretend to be so holy and highly consecrated to God but when you carefully examine their lives you find still there are areas of sins in their lives not yet surrendered to God. Religious people they pretend and wear the mask of high dedication and self – righteousness but from inside you find sin, corruption and the sinful nature of the old man as the Word of God tells us: *“1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without*

natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” (2 Timothy 3: 1-5 KJV)

2. Pride: Humble yourself and don't show off. Humble yourself, confess your sin and ask God to clean you. Ananias and Sapphira both they could tell that they have kept some money for themselves. But their pride pushed them to lie because they would feel ashamed if it is proved that they could not bring the whole money of the property to the church. Some person before them had sold a property he owned and brought the whole money and put it at the apostle's feet. They wanted to imitate him and do the same. Their pride pushed them to lie in order to puff up. Don't let your pride move you to show off. You cannot do big thing with your own strength. Trust God and rely on the power of the Holy Spirit and He will lift you up: *“6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” (1 Peter 5: 6-7 KJV)*

3. They entertained devils' lies: When they lied it means Satan was in their hearts. They were following deceiving spirits: *“1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” (1 Timothy 4: 1-2 KJV)* Don't follow deceiving spirit, and don't depend on your heart feelings: *“9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jeremiah 17: 9-10 KJV)* Depend on and trust the Word of God. Reject the devil's lies and the wrong feelings of your heart. Follow God's Word exactly. Through this be sure you will do right and you will be in the safe way.

My dear and beloved: To what Ananias and Sapphira did God brought His judgment on them and put to death, and in such God brought His fear upon His church, *“11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.” (Acts 5:11 KJV)* I hope and pray that the message had brought the fear of God on you. When you know something is wrong, then don't do it testing the Lord. God will not be silent, but He will combat your evil works. *“7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” (Matthew 4: 7 KJV)* *“9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.” (1 Corinthians 10:9 KJV)* Better for you to confess your sins and renounce them. By this you will find mercy and you will prosper. *“9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;” (Colossians 3:9 KJV)* Repent of all your lies because telling lies belongs to the old man that you need to put off from your life so that you can follow Christ and be ready to go with us when Jesus will come back to take to Heaven, putting in your mind that liars with all their kinds will end up in the second death, *“8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8 KJV)* Let us pray ...

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word to me and for the various Scriptures that you showed me, and enlightened my mind about the serious

effects of telling lies. Lord thank you for the rebukes that come through your Word and the corrections we received in this message.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your lies, your fear of man, your lack of trust in God. Confess and renounce your cheating and all your dishonesty. Confess and renounce all your fabricated and cooked stories. Confess and renounce your pride, boasting and showing off. Confess and renounce your lack of fear in God. Confess and renounce your worldliness and your love for material things. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your lack of reading of God's Word in your Bible and your lack of prayers. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord today I renounce all my lies. Lord I commit myself to live a holy life in your presence and to serve you with a pure heart and clean hands. Lord lead me out from my sins, and restore me back to you and to your service. Lord sustain me with your grace and provide for me to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and cleansed themselves from all lies, cheating and dishonesty. Lord continue to lead them out of their troubles that they put themselves in and guide them to live according to your will and plans. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and use them to serve you and make them good testimonies to others to follow you.

Lord, bless us as your church. Lord we commit ourselves to live in holiness and away from lies and deceptions and in accordance to your Word that we received in this message. Lord lead us, guide us, protect us and provide for us to go forward in life and ministry trusting you fully, taking the right decision that goes along your will and plan for us. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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